





THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON, INC.  
*Building A Better Community*

# 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



FOUNDED IN 1925, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON, INC. IS AN ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN COMMITTED TO PROMOTING VOLUNTARISM, DEVELOPING THE POTENTIAL OF WOMEN, AND IMPROVING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE ACTION AND LEADERSHIP OF TRAINED VOLUNTEERS. FROM ADDRESSING CRITICAL ISSUES, SUCH AS CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND EDUCATION AND ABUSE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TO ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH CULTURAL ENRICHMENT, THE LEAGUE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA, ALL THE WHILE ADAPTING TO MEET THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AND THE COMMUNITY.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



JAYNE SHEEHY JOHNSTON



RACHEL PODSEDNIK REGAN

For nearly a century, the Junior League of Houston has carried out its mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. It is with great pride and gratitude that we present the 2019 – 2020 Annual Report as we share this year's accomplishments.

With a membership 4,500 strong, the Junior League of Houston encourages voluntarism; mentoring and leadership development; and promotes a lifetime of civic service for tens of thousands of women. During the year, League members provided 120,000 volunteer hours in 35 community projects that touched countless lives across our great city. The Junior League of Houston contributed in excess of \$816,000 in grants and project support to a number of deserving organizations throughout the Houston community.

The Junior League of Houston would not be able to give back to the community and train its members without the continued support of generous donors. The League had six Community Partners, who each donated \$20,000 or more to help maintain and further the League's efforts. Additionally, underwriters of the 72nd Annual Charity Ball, Secret Garden, helped raise \$800,000 in support of League efforts. Donors to our League Legends Annual Fund contributed more than \$120,000 to support the community efforts, building preservation and operating expenses of the League. Continuing thanks is due to all those who visited the Junior League Pantry to purchase fresh food items; attended a Tea Room special event; or hosted a meeting, wedding or other event in our beautiful building.

The 2019 – 2020 League year was notable for so many wonderful reasons: events for the year had members and supporters gathering in joyful celebration for Charity Ball, Tea Room and Sustainer Events and engaging in hands-on, in-person activities to serve our community.

By the spring of 2020, group photos felt like a distant memory as our community entered a period of quarantine and isolation. In the wake of stay-at-home orders and social distancing guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the League's way of serving our members and our community changed, but the relevancy of the League's mission remained constant. As our community, and our world, navigated unprecedented circumstances, the spirit of voluntarism was needed more than ever. Empowered League leaders stepped up to guide our members and our community with grace and compassion. This Annual Report celebrates the impact of the League's volunteer service and leadership training, and its innate ability to build stronger communities... during the good times and in the midst of challenging circumstances.

As COVID-19 expanded its reach, the League's efforts focused on supporting Houston's basic needs, providing valuable community resources, and boosting member and community morale. The work of our leaders and volunteers was nothing short of remarkable. Altruism, social change and civic leadership are at the heart of what the Junior League of Houston stands for and 2019 – 2020 was no exception. This experience showed us all something so valuable...the importance of connection that the League gives its members to each other and to our Community, whether we are physically together or connected in a shared spirit and a shared mission.


COVID-19 reminded us that we are united in our hope and our desire to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and the communities where we live and work. The seeds of hope that are planted with acts of compassion, good deeds, or efforts to help our community can have an outstanding effect when they are nurtured and allowed to bloom. The League's efforts simply wouldn't be possible without the many volunteers, donors, community partners and friends of the League who commit their time, energy and resources to bettering Houston.

Thank you for your unwavering support that allow us to plant these seeds. We invite you to join us for another exciting year as we continue to fulfill the mission of the Junior League of Houston as we are "Building A Better Community".


Gratefully,

Jayne Sheehy Johnston  
President 2019 – 2020

Rachel Podsednik Regan  
President 2020 – 2021



"Where flowers bloom,  
so does hope." –  
Lady Bird Johnson





# THANK YOU TO THE 2019-2020 COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

The League's Community Partners consist of corporations, foundations and individuals giving at a level of \$20,000 and above each year. These partners are an integral part of the League's efforts in "Building A Better Community."



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# 2019-2020 JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON FOUNDATION

In 1999, the Junior League of Houston created the Community Endowment. In 2005, a separate organization, the Junior League of Houston Foundation, was created and Community Endowment assets were transferred to the new Foundation. The Foundation's board is charged with overseeing the management, investment and disbursement of funds. The purpose of the Community Endowment Fund is to sustain and expand the League-designated Community Program in perpetuity, as well as help fund new initiatives.

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\*thru March 2020

\*\*April – May 2020



The Junior League of Houston, Inc. is a network of empowered female civic leaders working with community partners to address and help solve pressing issues like basic needs, abuse of women and children, health care, education and cultural enrichment. JLH is part of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), comprised of more than 125,000 women in over 295 communities in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Mexico. As a whole, Junior Leagues have amassed an archive of tangible results and a reputation as thoughtful and influential change agents dedicated to the public good. Today AJLI is a charitable nonprofit organization that provides continuity and support, guidance, and leadership development opportunities to its member Leagues. Through regional, national and international meetings, comprehensive resources, customized consultations, and League and member benefits, it supports its member Leagues in the fulfillment of The Junior League's Mission. AJLI is governed by a Board of Directors, which is accountable to the Leagues and comprised of women who are members of the Junior Leagues in their communities.



# 2019-2020 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Junior League of Houston, Inc. is "Building A Better Community" by committing volunteers and financial support to 35 community projects.

AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc.  
BakerRipley (formerly Sheltering Arms Senior Services)  
Baylor Teen Health Clinic  
BEAR . . . Be A Resource for CPS Kids  
Bo's Place  
Books Between Kids  
Camp Rainbow – American Diabetes Association  
Camp For All 2U  
Camp Janus  
Casa de Esperanza de los Niños  
Child Advocates, Inc.  
Children's Museum of Houston  
ChinquaPals – Chinquapin Preparatory School  
CPR  
DePelchin Children's Center  
Dress for Success Houston  
Holocaust Museum Houston  
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center  
Houston Area Women's Center  
Houston Food Bank  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Houston Zoo  
Kids' Meals  
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston  
Pen Pals  
Picture Pals – The Westview School  
Project C.U.R.E.  
Ready Hands (formerly Done In A Day)  
Ronald McDonald House Houston  
Sing Along With Seniors  
Star of Hope  
Texas Children's Hospital  
The Health Museum  
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
VIEW (Volunteers In Evening Workshop)



## 2019-2020 READY HANDS PROJECTS\*



Ready Hands volunteers enable the League to assist community agencies that do not have a need for League volunteers on an ongoing basis but may have a need to staff a one or two-day special event or have a one-time need for extra volunteers. Volunteers work in a variety of short-term assignments with many different community agencies. In 2019 – 2020, the League provided volunteers to the following organizations:

ALS Association  
Alzheimer's Association  
American Diabetes Association  
Bel Inizio, Inc.  
Breast Cancer Charities of America (BCCA)  
Camp Hope  
Christian Community Service Center (CCSC)  
City of Houston Will-A-Thon  
Comp-U-Dopt Northside  
Doing Our Part  
Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS)  
Families Empowered  
Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™  
Fort Bend County Collaborative Information System (FBCCIS)  
Houston Food Bank  
Houston Welcomes Refugees (HWR)

International Risotto Festival  
Kids' Meals  
Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation  
Mercer Botanic Gardens / The Mercer Society  
National Women of Achievement, Inc.  
Nature Discovery Center  
Open Door Mission  
Pen Pals  
Project Hope for the Bahamas  
Star of Hope  
Summerhouse Houston  
Texas Children's Hospital  
The Health Museum  
Trafigura Run for the House (Ronald McDonald House Houston)  
Vita Living  
Weekley Family YMCA

\*Name changed from Done In A Day effective 2019 – 2020

# 2019-2020 COLLABORATIONS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES

The Junior League of Houston, Inc. recognizes the importance of collaborating with existing and new community partners. The League seeks to facilitate communication among all current agencies supported by League volunteers in order to assist in the collaborative efforts, and concurrently, searches for new and innovative partnership opportunities with other organizations in the Greater Houston Area.

**NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE REPRESENTATIVE** Mitra Woody

## 2019-2020 OUTSIDE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Members of The Junior League of Houston, Inc. have served as non-voting representatives on the board of directors or as members of committees of other nonprofit organizations since the Junior League's inception in 1925. Nonprofit organizations seek Junior League members for their boards or committees for a variety of reasons but most importantly because Junior League members are well-trained in nonprofit operations.

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Kate Adams

## 2019-2020 COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL

The Community Advisory Panel, established in 1993, is comprised of community leaders providing advice and counsel to the League and its committees, supporting the League and its activities in the community, keeping the League apprised of community trends, opinions and needs, as well as keeping the community informed about the League and its projects. The panel affords consistent long-term perspectives to the ever-changing League leadership.

**Mark Dewalch (2019 - 2021)**  
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Chief Executive Officer  
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# 2019-2020 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Each year, The Junior League of Houston, Inc. provides Community Assistance Grants to worthwhile organizations that do not receive ongoing volunteer support or financial assistance through the League's Community Projects. The League's Community Assistance Committee reviews the grant requests based on their alignment with member-determined impact areas and conducts site visits before making recommendations for funding. When selecting recipients, the committee considers whether an agency request would address a critical or basic need, fund a pilot project or expand a significant service to the community.

Community Assistance Grants are funded, in part, by the Barbara and Roy Adams Endowed Community Grant Fund held by the Junior League of Houston Foundation. This endowed fund was made possible through a generous estate gift from Barbara Beardmore Adams (1940 – 2014), a Junior League member from 1982 – 2014. The 2019 – 2020 fiscal year is the inaugural year of distribution for this endowed fund that focuses on children's health and well-being initiatives and literacy/education enrichment.

The 2019 – 2020 Community Assistance Committee reviewed funding requests from over 80 agencies. The following 12 agencies were awarded a total of \$125,000 in funding. A reception and check presentation occurred on Monday, January 27, 2020.



## **cherish our children | \$15,000**

Cherish Our Children exists to end the multigenerational cycle of incarceration. League funds were used to build infrastructure for the No More Victims program, a course elective offered to children of incarcerated parents who attend Worthing, Sterling and Furr high schools. The classes offer facilitated, peer-supported sessions which create a trusting and safe environment for students.



## **children at risk | \$4,000**

Children At Risk is a research and advocacy nonprofit focused on children's health, safety, education and economic security. League funds are to expand and provide support for Human Trafficking Awareness Tours to raise awareness of the prevalence of trafficking in our community.



## **clothed by faith | \$10,000**

Clothed By Faith aims to demonstrate God's love by providing clothing to those in need. League funds provided for a week-long supply of gently used clothing, shoes, socks and underwear for 500 Houston-area children in need.



## **HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT\* | \$10,000**

Harris County Hospital District owns and operates three hospitals and numerous clinics throughout the county. League funds were used to purchase new books for the Harris Health System's Reach Out and Read program. The books will be distributed to children at well-visit checkups at Harris Health's three Pediatric and Adolescent Health Centers: Bear Creek, C.E. Odom and Pasadena.



## **HIS GRACE FOUNDATION | \$8,000**

His Grace Foundation provides physical, emotional and financial support for the patients and families on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit (BMTU) of Texas Children's Hospital. League funds help provide a seven-week summer academic enrichment program for patients and their siblings.







#### HOUSTON:REVISION | \$8,000

Houston:reVision works to break the cycle of isolation among the most profoundly disconnected youth that are in the juvenile justice system. League funds supported the one-time purchase of kitchen equipment and supplies for the revision Community Center in the Gulfton/Sharpstown neighborhood.



#### MISSION OF YAHWEH | \$19,000

The Mission of Yahweh is focused on ending the cycle of homelessness and dependency. League funds helped pilot the Kreative Kingdom Clubs, a year-round, after-school education program for school-aged children at their campus. Activities will include cooking, arts, music sports, science and drama.



#### NEHEMIAH CENTER, INC. | \$20,000

The Nehemiah Center, Inc. provides assistance to low income families who are invested in seeking a better future for their children through education, emotional wellness and spiritual enrichment. League funds provided support to the Food Program at Nehemiah, located in downtown Houston, which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner to more than 180 children each day.



#### OPERATION HOMEFRONT | \$5,000

Operation Homefront's mission is to build strong, stable and secure military families so they can thrive – not simply struggle to get by – in the communities that they work so hard to protect. League funds provided approximately 350 military children with backpacks filled with school supplies for the 2020 – 2021 school year. The supplies will be distributed through Back-to-School Brigade events.



#### SOCIAL MOTION SKILLS, INC.\* | \$10,000

Social Motion Skills, Inc. exists to inspire and empower individuals with autism and similar special needs to achieve their full potential. League funds were used to expand social skills classes to pre-K and kindergarten-age children with autism at Social Motion Skills' center in the Spring Valley area of Spring Branch and at Texas Children's Hospital's Meyer Center for Developmental Pediatrics.



#### THE WAY HOME ADOPTION, INC. | \$10,000

The Way Home Adoption provides adoption recruitment and matching services focused on older youth in foster care. League funds helped to implement a new program, "Enrich and Engage," that provides 10 events throughout the year to allow older children and prospective adoptive families to meet and interact in a less formal setting.



#### YOUNG AUDIENCES | \$6,000

Young Audiences' mission is to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts. League funds went towards a pilot program at Harper Disciplinary Alternative Education Program and Crossroads Alternative, two campuses that serve children from 6th to 12th grades. The year-round program teaches self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making using arts-integration training and support while also offering prevocational skills training.



\*Funded through the Barbara and Roy Adams Endowed Community Grant Fund

# CONTINUING TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In March 2020, the COVID-19 virus began to spread across the United States, leading several cities and states to enact stay-at-home orders for several weeks. While a number of the Junior League of Houston community placements were temporarily halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the League rallied to continue to support the Houston community, as well as its own members, in several ways. **How the League took action during the pandemic:**

## VOLUNTEERS IN MOTION

- Wrote notes to families staying at Ronald McDonald House Houston
- Purchased critically needed items for BEAR... Be A Resource for CPS Kids and Casa de Esperanza
- Decorated lunch bags and packed lunch kits at home for Kids' Meals
- Donated personal protective equipment or medical equipment and recorded thank you messages to healthcare workers for Project C.U.R.E.
- Volunteered in small shifts to support the Houston Food Bank, Kids' Meals and Books Between Kids
- The Sing Along with Seniors placement filmed videos and assembled activity book care packages to share with senior centers in the Houston community.
- JLH Emeritus Member Check-In - League members made phone calls to check in with all 340 of the League's Sustainer Emeritus members (80-plus year-old League members) during the local stay-at-home order.

## MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

- Several virtual events, including a virtual dance party to help members stay connected
- All trainings and council meetings moved to a virtual format
- The May General Meeting, including the passing of the gavel, was recorded, uploaded to YouTube video and sent out to all members to watch remotely.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

At the last Board of Directors Meeting of 2019 - 2020, the Board approved \$47,000 in community program funds to be dispersed to the Houston community for COVID-19 related relief, which included:

- \$25,000 - Kids' Meals of Houston to help them feed nearly 7,500 children a day
- \$9,000 - BEAR (Be A Resource for CPS Kids)
- \$6,500 - Baylor Teen Health Clinic to provide diapers and wipes to mothers
- \$6,500 - Star of Hope to help alleviate food insecurity for women and children

## FROM THE LEAGUE KITCHEN

- The Pantry offered a variety of fresh and delicious meals for purchase to the community as area grocery stores saw long lines and shortages of many items. A to-go Easter meal was offered for the first time ever.
- Volunteers from the Ronald McDonald House Houston and Casa De Esperanza House of Hope placement delivered meals on behalf of the League to residents.
- In honor of Mother's Day, the League delivered breakfast bundles from The Pantry to healthcare heroes at The Woman's Hospital of Texas, a community partner.

During what was a most daunting and uncertain time, League members rose to the challenge by finding creative and innovative ways to continue providing support to the Houston community.



Laura Czapski, Ronald McDonald House Houston Chairman



Ronald McDonald House Houston Manager Molly Berg



In honor of Mother's Day, the League delivered breakfast bundles from The Pantry to healthcare heroes at The Woman's Hospital of Texas, a community partner.



Kids' Meals bags by Melissa Matsu and Phil Leedell



Sustainer Jennifer Howard and her goddaughter Ellie Elmore made bags with encouraging words for Kids' Meals.





# UNDERWOOD ROOM REDESIGN REVEAL



BEFORE



AFTER

The Catherine Fondren Underwood room was given a fresh, new look after more than 30 years. The Underwood room, as it is known to League members, is just inside the main entrance of the League building.

This multi-year project was executed under the watchful eye of 2019 – 2020 Building Chairman Megan A. Ryan and the League's House Committee.

When the current building opened its doors April 1, 1986, under J LH President Anne Tucker, the furnishings from the Underwood Room in the previous building were moved into the new double-parlor Underwood Room. "The design was intended to reflect welcome, comfort and a standard of excellence in place and organization. We are so fortunate to have had such generosity from the Underwood family," says Anne.

The House Committee reviewed multiple design schemes from Wells Design which included the wall coverings, drapery, ceiling accents, and fabrics that are now in place. The existing furniture had served members and guests well for many years, and the House Committee thoughtfully preserved it for continued use by reupholstering with beautiful fabric and trims carefully selected by Wells Design. Only two new pieces of furniture appear in the remodel – the ottomans in front of the fireplaces.

There are two new features of the room that are unique to the League. First are the new rugs, which were handwoven in Nepal based on a sketch by Jerry Jeanmard of Wells Design. Second is the wallcovering—silk panels by de Gournay that were hand painted in Hong Kong with colors carefully selected by the design team to complement the room's fabrics and trims. The "new" Underwood room will continue to serve the League as a welcoming space for members and visitors alike for years to come.



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER



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AFTER





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS 2019 - 2020

There were several Family-Friendly Community Outreach Events Focused on Children & Education during the League year.



Backpack Buddy Program in partnership with the Houston Food Bank

Childsfree in partnership with Child Advocates, Inc.

Family Service Day at Nature Discovery Center

Kids in the Kitchen at the League

Minor League Day at the League







The 72nd Annual Charity Ball – Secret Garden showed that beautiful blooms truly do bring hope as the Ball raised nearly \$850,000 to support the Junior League of Houston’s mission to promote voluntarism across the Houston community. Since 1949, the Charity Ball has served as an opportunity to celebrate the partnerships that enable the Junior League to continue its mission by raising funds. Those funds ensure that the Junior League will continue to provide critical community programs for a better Houston, as well as essential training to unlock the potential in the dedicated volunteer membership. Funds raised at Charity Ball and other events are paired with more than 100,000 hours of service from League volunteers, significantly expanding the reach of those financial gifts.

For a few nights in early February 2020, the League building was transformed into a Secret Garden. As guests arrived, they were greeted with a canopy of greenery and roses created by Bramble & Bee. As they made their way into the ball, floral surprises were around every corner, including garden swings in the courtyard, a flower cart with take-away posies by Lanson B. Jones & Company in the Tea Room and a “Secret (beer) Garden” on the back lanai.

The Charity Ball all-volunteer member cast invited guests to “Come to My Garden” as the talent of the League was showcased through musical numbers featuring singers and instrumentalists including a cellist and pianist with ballet dancers en pointe.

Late night party guests danced the night away to DJ tunes on both evenings. As the party extended into midnight, Whataburger Honey Butter Chicken Biscuits were brought out to help ease any cravings.

In addition to two fabulous evenings of the Charity Ball, the weekend kicked off with a Friends & Family night celebration – Garden Party – which encouraged members to give a glimpse of the Ball’s glamour to their families. The little Leaguers enjoyed a preview of the Charity Ball show and danced into early evening with their own DJ. All three nights were a smashing success thanks to the hard work and volunteer hours of Charity Ball Chairman Mary Lee Hackedorn Wilkens and the 52 women on Charity Ball committees, 20 members of the cast, and over 160 women working SETs, who ensured that the event went off without a hitch.

We thank our donors for their generous support of the 72nd Annual Charity Ball – Secret Garden!



# 2019-2020 SECRET GARDEN CHARITY BALL UNDERWRITERS

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	VOLUNTEER SUPPORT*	DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
<b>COMMUNITY</b>		
AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc.	\$14,688	\$12,413
BakerRipley (Sheltering Arms Senior Services)	\$101,837	\$13,671
BEAR...Be A Resource for CPS Kids	\$32,042	\$37,007
Bo's Place	\$39,168	\$5,625
Books Between Kids	\$30,083	—
Camp For All	\$13,709	—
Camp Janus	\$9,792	—
Camp Rainbow - American Diabetes Association	\$32,926	\$11,006
Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos	\$19,584	\$35,285
Child Advocates	\$78,336	\$33,994
Children's Museum of Houston	\$119,462	\$27,296
Chinquapals - Chinquapin Preparatory School	\$11,750	\$4,522
CPR	\$94,003	\$30,347
DePelchin Children's Center	\$19,094	\$3,379
Dress For Success	\$56,250	\$9,258
Holocaust Museum Houston	\$25,459	\$1,725
Houston Arboreteum & Nature Center	\$19,584	\$2,742
Houston Area Women's Center	\$41,126	\$12,670
Houston Food Bank	\$52,877	\$4,650
Houston Museum Of Natural Science	\$43,085	\$5,700
Houston Zoo	\$29,376	\$5,241
Kids' Meals	\$88,128	\$91,362
Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center	—	\$10,080
Pawsitive Pals - Houston SPCA	—	—
Pen Pals	\$111,629	\$2,113
Picture Pals - The Westview School	\$25,119	\$15,337
Project C.U.R.E.	\$19,584	—
Ready Hands (Done In A Day)	\$45,805	—
ROAR (Reach Out And Read)	—	—
Ronald McDonald House Houston	\$68,544	\$35,316
Sing Along With Seniors	\$58,752	\$8,615
Star of Hope	\$22,902	\$29,500
Teen Health Clinic - Baylor College of Medicine	\$37,862	\$38,338
Texas Children's Hospital	\$211,507	\$38,926
Texas Children's Hospital SuperKids Pediatric Mobile Clinic	—	\$129,000
Texas Children's Hospital West Campus	\$27,418	—
The Health Museum	\$41,126	\$5,140
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	\$25,459	\$6,350
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	\$19,584	\$5,156
VIEW (Volunteers In Evening Workshop)	\$106,189	\$11,905
<b>OTHER COMMUNITY BUDGETS</b>		
Community Assistance Grants	\$15,667	\$125,000
Community Emergency/Contingency Grants	—	\$5,833
Community Special Projects	\$11,642	\$1,891
Community Initiatives	\$20,128	—
Community Impact Project	\$3,808	—
Community Interest Groups	\$114,240	—
Community, Other Placements	\$58,426	—
Community, Noncredit Placements	\$19,040	—
Community, External Relations	\$5,222	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,042,013</b>	<b>\$816,393</b>

	VOLUNTEER SUPPORT*
<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Ad Sales	\$21,325
Charity Ball	\$113,533
Publishing	\$21,107
Non-credit	\$28,016
Other	\$55,053
<b>TEA ROOM</b>	
Cashier	\$8,813
Front Office / Tea Room Patron Support	\$16,266
Kitchen	\$10,771
Provisional	\$203,674
Server	\$47,002
Special Events Team (SET) Placements	\$46,022
SET Member Obligation	\$161,242
The Pantry	\$38,189
Tea Room Special Events	\$34,490
Tea Room, Other Placements	\$44,064
Tea Room, Noncredit Placement	\$1,088
<b>FINANCE</b>	
Administrative Office Placements	\$8,486
Treasurers	\$20,237
Finance, Other Placements	\$54,182
Finance, Noncredit Placements	\$4,080
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Admissions	\$6,854
Archives	\$3,917
Communications	\$81,110
Nominating Committee	\$15,667
Provisional	\$16,646
Strategic Planning	\$53,312
Sustainer	\$7,834
Training and Education	\$40,147
Transfer	\$10,880
Membership, Other Placements	\$53,530
Membership, Noncredit Placements	\$26,330
<b>OTHER</b>	
Other, Administrative Placements	\$120,224
Other, Noncredit Placements	\$6,474
Sustainer Advisory Panel	\$10,880
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,391,443</b>

\* Volunteer support is calculated based on the number of volunteer hours committed. Each hour is valued at a market rate of \$27.20, as valued by Independent Sector (Texas value) as of July 2020.

\*\* Direct financial support is the actual cash spent for the community endeavors during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The following consolidated statement of activities was excerpted from the Junior League of Houston's audited financial statements as of Sunday, May 31, 2020, and conforms with generally accepted accounting principles.



## REVENUES

Tea Room Sales	\$3,103,854
Cost of Food and Beverages	(\$762,782)
Net Tea Room Revenue	\$2,341,072
Charity Ball Special Event	\$496,762
Cost of Benefits Provided to Charity Ball Donors	(\$195,873)
Member Dues and Fees	\$752,802
Tea Room Patron Fees	\$157,210
Contributions	\$256,326
Other Revenue	\$41,488
Investment Return, Net	\$1,196,455
Total Revenues	\$5,046,242

## EXPENSES

Program Services:	
Tea Room	\$2,962,405
Member Services, Training and Education	\$325,326
Community Support Services	\$909,915
Total Program Services	\$4,197,646
Management and General	\$685,469
Fundraising	\$73,125
Total Expenses	\$4,956,240

## NET ASSETS

Changes in Net Assets	\$90,002
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$37,322,197
Net Assets, End of Year	\$37,412,199



A complete statement is available at the League's administrative office, 1811 Briar Oaks Ln, Houston, Texas 77027.









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